alongwith the efforts of the State Government would help in developing a stock of improved and efficient milch herd.

Dangers of hydrogenated cooking oil

1165. DR. YELAMANCHILI SIVAJI: Will the Minister of FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES be pleased to refer to the answer to Unstarred Question 2161 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 27th August, 1990 and state what are the reasons for which Government are encouraging hydrogenated oil production in the coun try by giving excise duty concessions to the industry in spite of the fact that its use is harmful to human health?

THE MINISTER OF FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES (SHRI RAo BIREN-DRA SINGH): Unstarred Question No. 2161 was replied by the then Minister of State for Health & Family Welfare on 27th August, 1990 in Rajya Sabha regarding Monitoring of the saturated fat content of the cooking oil'. Hydrogenated oil i. e. vanaspati is not harmful to human health as it contains only 30 per cent saturated acid content while the pure buffalo ghee has around 65 per cent saturated fatty acids. During hydrogena-tion of oils, mostly *trans-acids* are formed and not merely saturated fat.

Government is giving fiscal incentives through excise rebate to encourage the production of non-conventional oils which are not accepted directly by the consumer. The idea is to produce greater edible oils from non-conventional sources to become self-sufficient and reduce/avoid imports.

Proposal *to* widen the bridge near Kailway Junction in Tiruchchirappalli, Tamil Nadu

1166. SHRI S. MADHAVAN. Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is a proposal under Government's consideration to widen the

bridge near the Railway Jun... Tiruchchirappalli, Tamil Nadu ...

(b) whether the Government ... Nadu have taken up the traffic ... over this bridge with Central Gov... and

(c) the steps taken to avoid ... congestion near this Railway ... bridge?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI JANESHWAR MISHRA) ...
(b) Yes, Sir. The State Government ... proposed widening of the existing ... bridge at the sourthern end of ... chirappalli Junction.

(c) The Railway is investigating ... bility of the proposed widening ... with the State Government. However, the traffic congestion on the Road Over bridge is likely to ease after the ... work of widening of the Road Over Bridge on the northern side of the Tiruchchirappalli Yard is completed.

Electrification of railway routes between Delhi and Madras

1167. SHRI S. MADHAVAN ... Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) what are the steps taken ... ment to expedite the electrification ... railway route between New Delhi and Madras;

(b) by when it would be ...

(c) what is the amount ... purpose?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI JANESHWAR MISHRA) ...
(b) New Delhi to Itarsi and ... to Nagpur are already electrified. ... up section from Nagpur to Itarsi ... ed to be completed by March, 1992.

(c) Rs. 683.09 crores are ... to be spent on the projects ... this route.